

## **"Rumors" and "I was told"**

The NSW Motivators (SEAL's) have developed this page to address some of the rumors about our training and the SEAL application process.

**I WAS TOLD;** by someone in my Chain of Command not to waste my time submitting a request chit because they will not approve it?

**Wrong!** It is highly recommended that all applicants submit a Special Request chit through their chain of command. The Special request chit is used to inform the chain of command of your intentions. The submission of a Special Request Chit (SPECIAL REQUEST/AUTHORIZATION NAVPERS 1336/3 (Rev. 9-75) SIN 106-LF-063-8633) is a Command, not a Navy requirement. Please check with your command NCC for policy concerning Special Request Chit's and the process for its submission. Once the Special Request chit is submitted to the Chain of Command, regardless of approval or disapproval, you may begin the first step of submitting your SEAL/SWCC package. (See step by step guidelines.

**I WAS TOLD;** that I have to join the Marines before I am Selected for SEAL training.

**Sorry,** you were told wrong. If you joined the Marines to become a SEAL you are only going to be a Marine. When you complete your Marine Corp Contract, you will need to visit a Navy recruiter to then enlist in the Navy.

**I WAS TOLD;** that instructors at BUD/s will make you quit, and they made my buddy leave because they didn't like him.

**Sorry,** you were told wrong. The training program at the Basic Underwater Demolition School commonly referred to, as "BUD/s" is a volunteer program. Roughly 75% of all Candidates that leave the program have voluntarily dropped. The other 25% are Performance dropped. Most drops occur during the first 3 weeks of the 26-week course. Candidates drop from the program have not prepared themselves properly and leave for their own accord.

I WAS TOLD; I have to re-enlist for orders to BUD/s?

TRUE, you may have been told correctly. Each applicant from the fleet comes from different source rate and NEC's and possibly receives a SRB's. You will need to consult with your career counselor to correctly understand how this may affect you.

I WAS TOLD; they drown you in BUD/s and bring you back to life?

**NOT TRUE.** Enough said!!

I WAS TOLD; I need to purchase special equipment before attending BUD/S?

**No**, you were told wrong. BUD/S students are supplied with everything they will need. However, you may find it useful to become accustomed to swimming with fins.